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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, PINS, DM, NI

SUBJECT: BENIN OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE

REF: COTONOU 1084

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED FLYING TIGER OF THE COMPLICATIONS REGARDING THEIR REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE. FLYING TIGER APPRECIATED EMB EFFORTS IN THEIR BEHALF AND WILL ABIDE BY EMB REQUEST TO NOT OVERFLY UNTIL PERMISSION TO DO SO IS RECEIVED FOR EACH FLIGHT.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT ALTHOUGH AN INTERNATIONAL NOTAM (NOTICE TO AIRMEN) HAS BEEN PUBLISHED WHICH NOTES NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPLY FOR AN OVERFLIGHT A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCE OF THE PROPOSED FLIGHT, THE FAA WILL DIRECTLY NOTIFY THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF EACH INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE OF THE NECESSITY TO COMPLY WITH THE NOTAM.

3. IN DEPTOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH FLYING TIGER, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THEIR OVERFLIGHT REQUESTS ARE BECAUSE OF THEIR FREQUENT FLIGHTS FROM LAGOS TO EASTERN US. THEIR

PREFERRED DEPARTURE ROUTE TAKES THEM OVER BENIN. SINCE MOST OF THESE FLIGHTS ARE NON-SCHEDULED AND ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE, AND SOME TAKE PLACE A DAY OR TWO EITHER SIDE OF THE DATE ANTICIPATED FOR DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS, FLYING TIGER WANTED TO KNOW IF BENIN WOULD BE WILLING TO GRANT SOME FLEXIBILITY TO THEIR OVERFLIGHT APPROVALS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF BENIN COULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MAKE AN OVERFLIGHT APPROVAL VALID FOR PLUS OR MINUS 72 HOURS OF THE ORIGINALLY REQUESTED DATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REASSURE BENIN OF OUR DESIRE TO COMPLY WITH THEIR PROCEDURES REGARDING OVERFLIGHTS. ALSO, ALTHOUGH DEPARTMENT IS KEENLY AWARE OF BENIN'S SENSITIVITY REGARDING OVERFLIGHTS, REQUEST EMB AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME OBTAIN FROM THEM THEIR THOUGHTS ON PROVIDING A MEASURE OF FLEXIBILITY TO THEIR OVERFLIGHT APPROVALS.

5. FOR LAGOS: REQUEST EMB RAISE BENIN'S RESTRICTIONS REGARDING OVERFLIGHT WITH APPROPRIATE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND POINT OUT THAT BECAUSE THEY AFFECT FLIGHTS DESTINED FOR LAGOS TO OR FROM THE EAST, IT WOULD BE IN THEIR INTEREST TO ALSO APPROACH THE GOB IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN A MEASURE OF FLEXIBILITY FOR OVERFLIGHTS OF BENIN BY NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIR CARRIERS. VANCE
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